



READY RESPECTFUL ENGAGED

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to meet the new children in school this half term, everyone has settled well and our very youngest children have made a positive start to their school life.

It has of course been very busy with trips, visitors and lots of learning taking place at school. The year 2 children have had their Victorian Day where they were all in role and experienced what it was like for children (and the staff) during this time in history. I'm not sure they would have been happy to stay in this period! If you haven't paid on ParentPay for this we would really appreciate your contribution. Thank you to those who have already paid. The Year 1 children have visited Sudbury Museum of Childhood as part of their project 'How did our Grandparents Play and Learn?' and had a great day exploring the past. All of KSI walked to the Church for Harvest Festival and as always we are very grateful to Alun for making us feel so welcome. The children sang beautifully and it was lovely to have so many of you join us.

Parents and carers consultations evenings were a success this week and it was great to see so many of you taking the time to meet with the teachers. Our next evening will be during the Spring term.

Thank you to those who visited our book fair and supported the school. The fair raised £290.04 in rewards which we will use to buy more books for the library and the classrooms. The Nursery and Reception children will be gifted a book each from our vending machine when we return after half term. This is for them to keep and to share with you at home, encouraging a love of reading in all of our children. We hope you enjoy sharing it with them. The Cauliflower Christmas Cards has raised **£164.00** in commission that we can put towards our PTA fundraising. Thank you to those who have ordered cards through this.

We have been working tirelessly in school to provide the best we can for all the children. All of the children are taught phonics and in school we follow the Little Wandle scheme. We have had lots of success since moving to this scheme and have spent time and money ensuring we have the correct books, resources and training in place for all staff. Miss Fedrigo leads on early reading in school and will be inviting parents and carers into school to see how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home.

Our new communication channel is called Parent Hub and we have sent you a link to get you started. Once you have downloaded the app enter @RINS and you will then be able to access any information sent out from school:

Instructions for parents/carers:

- Download the Parent Hub app from your app store
- Create yourself an account
- Choose 'join a school' and enter the school handle @RINS



We no longer use Dojo due to issues with the platform so we will only use Parent Hub and the website for whole school communication. As always if you need to speak directly to the classroom staff please catch them on the door or ring the office to make an appointment. We appreciated the feedback we had regarding our communication and have listened to what our parents and carers suggested, thank you.

On Wednesday 6th November the photographer will be in school taking individual photos. Photos will take place in the library. If you would like a sibling photo please enter through the main playground gate from 8am. You can have photographs with older and younger siblings should you want to. The classrooms will open at the usual time of 8.40am.

On Tuesday 12th November Mr Wood has arranged for an Olympian, Joel Fearon to visit our school and lead a fitness circuit with the children during the morning. Sponsorship forms have been sent home and we hope you encourage your child to join in and raise money for sports equipment for our school. Children should wear their PE kit on this day.

You may have noticed some changes happening to the field on the other side of the driveway. This is Junior School land but we are moving our Go Wild provision onto this field. This means we have much more space to develop our curriculum. Miss Hill and staff and volunteers have been working incredibly hard to develop the area so that it will be ready for the children to explore and learn from. Mrs Bayliss (Ravensdale Junior Head Teacher) has given us permission to develop the land and is working with us to make it safe for the children, which will include putting a fence alongside the driveway.

Our gates have recently been fixed again. Can I remind all adults that parents and carers **are not** permitted to drive onto the site. There is no parking for parents or carers at any time and we ask that you respect this and help us to keep the children safe. Please do not tail gate staff onto the site. Cars that enter the school site that are not registered with us cause both schools a safeguarding concern. It is vital that we know who is on site at all times if we are to keep your children safe.

As a school we have always welcomed and encouraged parents and carers to come into school and chat with us and let us know your views. With this in mind, this term Mrs Cayton and Mrs Morris have held drop ins every Thursday morning where you can come into school for a 'cuppa and a chat'. Unfortunately these have not been very well attended, and we are not sure why. If you would like to join us they take place in the hall at 9am each Thursday morning. If you have a suggestion as to how we can encourage more families to join us please let us know via the office or come and find us on the gate each morning.

We don't currently have a PTA committee but it is something we would like to get started again. If you are interested in being an important part of our school and help to fundraise to allow us to develop our school even further, then please contact us through the email pta@ravensdalei.derby.sch.uk

If you would like to share your views with us and didn't get chance to during this week's parent and carer consultation evening please click on the link below:

[Ravensdale Infant and Nursery School Parent Evening Questionnaire - Autumn Term 2024](#)

Dates for your diary:

Monday 4 th November	INSET day
Wednesday 6 th November	Individual School photos
Tuesday 12 th November	Olympian Visit
Friday 22 nd November	Non-uniform day for Christmas fayre chocolate and

	sweets tombola donations
Wednesday 27 th November @ 10am	New starters September 2025 tour of the school
Thursday 28 th November @ 2pm	New starters September 2025 tour of the school
Wednesday 4 th December @ 3.30pm – 5pm	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 5 th December @ 1pm	Nursery stay and play for January 2025 new starters
Thursday 5 th December @ 2.30pm	Year 2 End of term project presentation
Friday 6 th December @ 2.30pm	Year 1 End of term project presentation
Monday 9 th December @ 9.30am	Year 2 carol concert
Monday 9 th December @ 11am	Year 1 carol concert
Tuesday 10 th December @ 10am	FS Nativity
Thursday 12 th December FS Nativity @ 2.15pm	FS Nativity
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas dinner day – wear something Christmassy
Tuesday 17 th December @ 2pm	FS1 and FS2 craft afternoon
Thursday 19 th December @ 2pm	FS1 craft afternoon

As you can see next half term is already very busy! These dates are also on our website for you to access.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday and we will see everyone back in school on **Tuesday 5th November**.

Kind regards

Mrs L. Blanchenot

Head Teacher

Some useful links for you below:

The School Nurse contacts

<https://www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/schoolnurse>

If you would like support with toileting at home please follow the link below:

<https://www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-complex-health-derby-and-southern-derbyshire/specialist-nursing/childrens-continance>

OCTOBER HALF TERM

No need to book - just turn up!

For 0-11s and their parents and carers

Monday 28 October 1-3pm
Derwent Family Hub

Tuesday 29 October 10am-12noon
Becket Family Hub

Tuesday 29 October 10am-12noon
Mackworth Morley Family Hub

Wednesday 30 October 10am-12noon
Osmaston Allenton Family Hub

Thursday 31 October 1-3pm
Sinfen Family Hub

Friday 1 November 10am-12noon
Rosehill Family Hub

Range of activities including:
Autumn arts and crafts | Mendi hand painting to celebrate Diwali
| Halloween scavenger hunt | Animal handling | Bonfire painting |
Fire Safety with a special visit from a Fire Engine

Scan for more information & a full schedule of activities

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